

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

"Families with Young Children (FWYC)" is a new "group" at ALCC! Look for regular events for this group, announced here. The first event will be held on **October 9, 2011** - Pumpkin Patch at Bierwagen's Donner Trail, on Highway 174. Bring or purchase lunch for your family @ 12:30 p.m. (after 2nd service), pick out a pumpkin, check out the animals, enjoy friendship, family activities and good ole wholesome FUN for the whole family! Questions? contact The Maddocks, 274-9160 or The Moores, 432-6611.

Watch for future events for this group!

WOMEN'S SEASIDE ESCAPE

Ladies! It will soon be that time again to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand and bask in the warmth of God's presence! We invite you to join us at SEASIDE ESCAPE. The second of our three beach-themed "retreat" nights will take place on **October 7 @ 6:00 p.m.** The last one will be on **November 4.** The cost is only \$5.00 per person for attending one or all three nights. You're going to be blessed and make new connections when you join us! Sign up in the foyer!

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Christmas in Bethlehem will be taking place

before we can believe it!

This year's dates are:

- Dec 1, 7 pm (Dress Rehearsal only)
- Dec 2, 7-9 pm
- Dec 3, 2-4 pm
- Dec 4, 2-4 pm
- Dec 9, 7-9 pm
- Dec 10, 2-4 pm

In preparation, there are some dates you need to know about:

- * **October 6**, All Cast Read-through of script @ 6:30 pm
- * **October 15**, Project Day 9:00 - 11:30 am

Practices for individual vignettes will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays though October & November. Chris Navo will contact you.

Actors are still needed - **ESPECIALLY MEN!** If you would like to participate, **PLEASE** contact Chris Navo, Cissy Murphy, Kathie Floyd, the Fowlers or the church office!

FALL FESTIVAL

November 4, 12-3 p.m., is the date of our 2011 FALL FESTIVAL! Everyone young at heart is needed to make this an "over-the-top" success! Volunteers are needed for Set-up, from 9 - 11 am and Take-down from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. We need others who will be willing to run games from 12 - 3 pm. Donations of "scarecrow clothing" (jeans, plaid shirts, straw hats, etc.) are needed, cupcakes for the cupcake walk are needed and financial assistance is **ALWAYS** appreciated! Contact Cissy Murphy, 477-6674 for more information.

October Birthdays

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| 1 Billie Giles | 1 Marni Mac Donnell | 1 Wendy Hayward | 2 Dee Johnson |
| 4 Janice Carman | 5 Vera Lindbom | 7 Miles Lincoln | 10 Benji Patteerson |
| 11 Sharayah Hayward | 14 Timothy McCartney | 14 Jack Maddock | 14 Dan Watson |
| 16 Vinita Owen | 16 Brad White | 17 Beverly Holt | 19 Kimberly Moore |
| 22 Molly Fowler | 22 Mary May Vereen | 25 Richard Ornelas | 25 Jessica Mayfield |
| 27 Robert Vollmer | 28 Susan Clark | 28 Morgan Fowler | 30 Judy Lineberry |
| 31 Micah Moore | 31 Gabe Barber | | |

November Birthdays (first week)

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| 1 Ardys Vollmer | 2 Jane Carr | 5 Debbie Ghiringhelli | 5 Austin Jefferis |
| 5 Sadie Navo | 7 Samuel Floyd | | |

October Anniversaries

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| 7 Vic & Billie Giles | 7 Don & Dottie Qurnell | 13 Richard & Carol Ornelas |
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November Anniversaries (first week)

- 5 Jordan & Carol Hemphill

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear here, and it occurs during this month, please call the church office and let us know, so we can include it in the future.

Schedules for October

Noah's Ark

	Early Service		Late Service	
October 2 Lesson 5	Teacher- Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Jessica Mayfield	Teacher Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Madeline Iriarte
October 9 Lesson 6	Teacher- Floater Baby	Clara Watkins Naomi Hayward Judy Burch	Teacher- Floater Baby	Joyce Smethers Bhret Patterson Laura Heeschen
October 16 Lesson 7	Teacher- Floater Baby	Conni Watson Lyn Aufdenkamp Sandra Lundin	Teacher- Floater Baby	Debbie Ghiringhelli Laura Heeschen
October 23 Lesson 8	Teacher- Floater Baby	Sandra Lundin Connie Strawser	Teacher- Floater Baby	Marni MacDonneil Betty Lloyd
October 30 Lesson 9	Teacher- Floater Baby	Conni Fowler Alana Fowler	Teacher- Floater Baby	Markus Moore Karen Snapp

Ushers

	Both Services	
October 2	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Wayne Badding & Marge Sapp Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Mark & Connie Lagerwey
October 9	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Hazel Lace & Josie Nicholls Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Jerry & Karen Snapp
October 16	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Joe & Sheila Ramus Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Bob & Linda Cosick
October 23	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Randy & Patti Cassel Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Tim Metzger
October 30	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Mark & Connie Lagerwey Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Wayne Badding & Marge Sapp

Elementary Classes

	Early Service		Late Service	
October 2 Lesson 6	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11
October 9 Lesson 7	Jessica & Mary Johanson Amanda Reyesa	4-7 8-11	Jessica & Mary Johanson Amanda Reyes	4-7 8-11
October 16 Lesson 8	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11
October 23 Lesson 9	Naomi Hayward Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11	Naomi Hayward Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11
October 30 Lesson 10	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11

Worship Ministries

	Both Services	
October 2	Worship Sound Media	Tim, Amy, Linda, Chris Cissy Murphy Darlene Saunders
October 9	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Amy, Linda, Chris Cissy 1st, Rich 2nd Kim Moore
October 16	Worship Sound Media	Tim, Jessica, Deb, Chris, Denise Bhret Patterson Darek Watson
October 23	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Jessica, Chris, Deb, Denise Chris Frank Darlene Saunders
October 30	Worship Sound Media	Tim, Jessica, Deb, Chris, Denise Cissy Murphy Kim Moore

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE? PASTOR GABE

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.' And he said, 'Go, and say to this people: Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.'" Isaiah 6:8-10, ESV

Poor, poor Isaiah. As a faithful prophet to Israel, He quickly and eagerly volunteered to do God's work. Now I don't know what he expected his assignment to be, but I'm guessing he wasn't prepared to hear some of the Bible's most difficult and troubling words given to him as his charge. Basically, God told him - Go out there to your

people, Isaiah, and preach the truth to them. But don't expect to be leading any altar calls; and you definitely won't be the face of any revivals! Rather, the people you preach to are going to reject you! They're not going to listen to you! In fact, that's how I want it! I don't even want them to respond to what you're going to tell them about Me!

Wow, those are some difficult words! A lot of ink has been spilled over the years by men and women trying to come to terms with why God would say such a thing (something that seems so opposed to His nature). Was He exaggerating? Was He bluffing? Was He just venting His anger?

I believe that answer to this question is incredibly important. I believe that God sent Isaiah on this

impossible mission for the sake of all future generations! You see, God knew that these particular Israelites had rejected Him beyond any hope of restoration. And Isaiah could have gone to them and told them things that they wanted to hear. And guess what? They would have loved Isaiah! But then, the truth would have been distorted. Not only would they have been lost, but so would all future generations! And so, God tells Isaiah: "I don't care if they hate it, you need to preach the truth!"

What an important reminder this is of how vital it is that we remain faithful to the truth. People will be offended by the claims of Scripture, but that doesn't make God's Word any less true. And rather than backing down and giving in to whatever people want us to believe, God has called us to be men and women who are faithful to the truth. This is a mission that is difficult, but it's certainly not impossible!